

## SENIORS

The following activities have been scheduled by the Kings Mountain senior center. Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Life and Conference Center, 909 East King Street. All seniors ages 60 and above living in the Kings Mountain School District are eligible to participate. For more information call 734-0447.

■ The Senior Center has free fans to give to seniors. The electric three speed box fans were donated by Duke Power in an effort to help senior adults stay cool in the hot summer months. Anyone needing a fan should call Carolyn Bell at the Patrick Center.

■ The annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 from 12 noon-2 p.m. It will be a drop-in reception with lunch provided by the Center.

■ The annual mountain trip for seniors will be held Thursday, October 16. Seniors will leave the center at 9:15 a.m. and stop at approximately 11:15 for lunch at J & S Cafeteria. After that they will head for the Biltmore Square Mall for a two-hour shopping spree. On the way home they will stop at The Farmer's Market. Cost of the trip is \$15 plus lunch. Register by paying the \$15 by Monday, Sept. 29.

■ Senior Day at the Cleveland County Fair is Tuesday, September 30. Admission for ages 60-74 will be \$3, and admission for persons 75 and older is free. Seating is limited and reservation is required by September 23. Seniors will leave the Center at 12:30 p.m. and return at 4 p.m. The cost for transportation is \$1. Register with Mattie Scoggins at the Patrick Center.

■ Equilla Barnett, Colene Bennett, Maude Norris and Nancy Smith have been named to the Patrick Center Advisory Board. Retiring Board members are Gary Cooke, Victoria Bess, Roberta Brown and Dean Spears.

■ Flu shots will be administered to seniors 55 and older on Friday, Oct. 31 from 8:30-11 a.m. in the Conference Room. Take Medicare and Social Security cards to get the shot free. Persons under the age of 55 but who are on Medicare (disability) may also get their shot at the Center. There is a charge of \$12 or more for anyone who does not have Medicare. Pneumonia shots may be available at a cost not known at this time.



Libby Harrill and Lynn Eskridge have woven baskets since 1983. **ANDIE BRYMER / HERALD**

## Ties that bind

### Weaving Nantucket baskets latest endeavor of friends Lynn Eskridge and Libby Harrill

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For Lynn Eskridge and Libby Harrill, the binding ties of friendship are woven as strong as the baskets the two women enjoy weaving.

Since 1983, the two have woven countless baskets. They have traveled to the John Campbell Folk School together and to other workshops across Appalachia.

Harrill points to Eskridge and jokes that the hours spent making baskets is "her fault."

Eskridge admits that when she decided to weave an Appalachian egg basket, she first asked her friend to join her in the project. The women later realized they had chosen one of the most complicated basket patterns.

Undaunted, the two continued weaving. Six years ago, their skills were so good they began to teach together. In September, they are offering a two day workshop at the Cleveland County Arts Center.

"We try to do a different basket every time," Eskridge said.

This fall it's a Nantucket basket. The pattern is more complicated than the common over and under weave. This basket has a two one weave which creates a spiraling pattern.

"That gives it a nice design," Eskridge said.

The baskets also have a distinctive wooden base.

Nantucket baskets were first woven by whalers fishing off the New England coast during the 1800s. The project kept the men from becoming consumed with boredom. Today, some of those baskets are worth \$4,000 to \$5,000.

No one leaves a class without a basket.

"Sometimes we're there till 11 or 12 o'clock," Harrill said.

When the duo first taught, Eskridge began the class with a long history of basket making. She quickly learned her students wanted to get their hands busy.

"They were looking at me like 'lets just make a basket,'" Eskridge said.

While Eskridge has dropped the history lesson, students still learn how to make a stain from walnuts.

After spending years learning Appalachian style basketry, Eskridge and Harrill are now studying Cherokee designs. These baskets often have no handles. Designs are sometimes woven into the sides as well.

The class runs Sept. 15 and 16. Morning and evening classes are offered. For more information, call 704-484-2787.



## SOCIAL BRIEFS

### Calvin Edwards concert at CCC

Jazz guitarist Calvin Edwards of Kings Mountain will be in concert September 5 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Cleveland Community College. Admission is free.

Edwards and his band play popular jazz and rhythm and blues music along with new, original material.

Edwards has been playing guitar since the age of six. He recorded two albums with his brother's group, the Jett Edwards Band, and three albums as a solo artist. His most recent recording is entitled "Just Swing;" and is available on the Simply Smokin label.

Edwards spends most of his time performing overseas, and books recording artists in Asia through his agency, Chasity Music Booking.

For more information call Bill Millican at 484-5316.

### Republicans to meet in Shelby

The Cleveland County Republican Party will hold its regular meeting September 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Jackson's Cafeteria in Shelby.

Dr. Barry Hambright, Professor of Political Science and History, will be the speaker. The public is invited.

The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month.

### Benefit slated at KM Depot

A benefit for Charles Peterson will be held September 6 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Community Mart at the old Kings Mountain Depot.

Yard sale items, crafts, baked goods, hot dogs and drinks will be sold. There will also be kids games.

### Little Theater needs volunteers

Kings Mountain Little Theater is looking volunteers ages 15-up to help run and staff its first annual "Haunter Theater" at Joy Performance Center.

Performance dates are October 23-31 and Nov. 1 from 7-10:30 p.m.

Anyone interested should attend a short meeting at the Joy on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. or leave a message at the theater box office.

### Fiber reunion set October 11

Former and current employees of Fiber Industries, Shelby Plant, will hold a reunion Saturday, October 11 at the Plant Recreation Club Building.

Registration begins at 2 p.m. A short welcome will begin at 3 p.m., followed by barbecue. The cost of the meal is \$12.50 per person an prepayment is required.

All former and current employees, their spouses and guests are invited.

Make checks payable to FII Reunion, c/o Carl Spangler, 2403 N. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28150.

### Seniors dance set in Gastonia

The Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department will host a senior citizens dance Friday, Sept. 12 from 7-10 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 and the first 250 people will be admitted. No one under the age of 55 will be admitted.

For more information call 922-2160.

### "24 Hours" set at Gardner-Webb

Gardner-Webb University Theater will present "24 Hours," a performance project which calls upon students to create entire production in just 24 hours. There will be one performance on September 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Millennium Playhouse on the GWU campus.

The production calls upon student actors, directors and writers to limit themselves to 24 hours to put on a play. In 24 hours they will write, cast, direct, design, build and rehearse six original one-act plays and present them for an audience.

Admission is free for GWU students, faculty and staff and \$5 for anyone else. For more information call 406-4371.

### Walk for Life set in Shelby

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Cleveland County has scheduled its annual Walk for Life September 6 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Shelby High School stadium.

Walkers obtain sponsors to donate to the PRC as they walk around the 1/4-mile track. There will be free food, live entertainment, and activities for children.

The PRC is a nonprofit Christian ministry that offers free pregnancy tests, confidential environment to examine all alternatives, accurate information on all options, baby clothing, furniture and supplies, abstinence and STD information and counseling, and post-abortion counseling and education.

For more information call 487-HELP.

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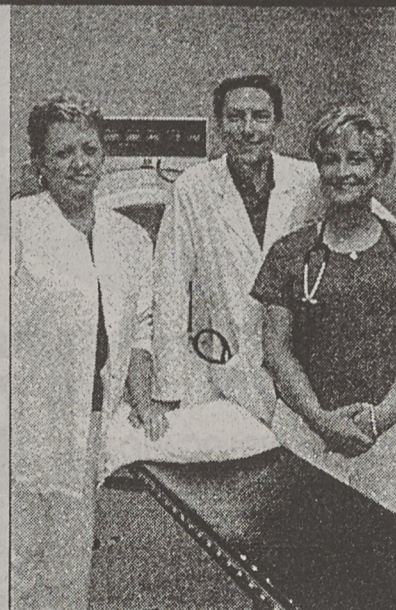
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